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Naples, August 10.

HEre is a report in Town, that a Person belonging to the Ship of the *French* Admiral the *Lorys*, having been corrupted by the Count *Barbo*, had undertaken to set the said Ship on Fire, which, in all probability, would have communicated its flames to those Ships that lay near her, and so the whole *French* Fleet might have been destroyed; and that this design had been discovered, just when it was going to be executed, and the Author thereof seized, who was condemned to be burnt alive; this is told here, but we know not how to affirm the truth. At *Palermo* they work with great diligence to fit out the Men of War that are there. We are informed that five private Men of War belonging to *Flushing* have been lately at *Palermo*, and offered their service to the *Spaniards*, but not being able to agree about the price, they are sailed again from thence.

Stockholme, July 22. Our Fleet is all come in, except 10 or 12 Men of War, who are somewhere abroad under the command of the Sieur *Wachtmeester*. Admiral *Horne* is now here. We lost in the Fight eight Ships, of which five were taken, and three burnt. Count *Axell de la Gardie*, General of the Horse of *Liefland*, is lately arrived from thence, which is an argument of their being secure on that side. The Queen is come to Town, very well pleased with a Letter she has received from the King, in which his Majesty gives her an account of the quitting the Siege of *Malmoe* by the *Danes*, after having lost in it between 4 and 5000 men. Just now we receive news of a Battel fought on the 14 instant about a *Suedes* mile from *Landscroon*, which begun about 9 in the morning, and lasted till 2 in the afternoon, in which the *Danes* are said to have lost 3000 men, with all their Baggage and Artillery, and that they are retired to *Landscroon* in great disorder. The *Suedes* loss is not great as to the number of men, though it's considerable by the death of Velt Marshal *Helmfelt*, and three Colonels, with several other Officers, besides one Colonel taken Prisoner. The King had a Horse killed under him in the Fight.

Ditto, July 31. The news we had of the Victory obtained over the *Danes* is confirmed, but the number of the slain is not so great as was at first given out. We have lost several good Officers. From *Gottenburg* we have advice, that the Sieur *Guldenlieu* has taken three of the Forts at *Muerstrand*, but that the great Fort called *Carelstein* held out still. The Rycks Chancellor is marching with 4 or 5000 men to succor it.

Ditto, Aug. 5. Since my last, we have the ill news of the Sieur *Guldenlieu*'s having taken *Carelstein*, which held out 10 dayes, and was then forced to surrender, through want of fresh water. After which, he sent a Trumpet to *Gottenburg*, to summon that City, into which the Rycks Chancellor has put himself. The Sieur *Wachtmeester* lies with the Squadron of Men of War under his command at *Calmar*.

Madrid, Aug. 25. Great inconvenience having been found to arise to the King's Affairs, by giving Military Commands to the young Nobility, before they had any experience in the War, the King has made an Order that no Command shall for the future be given to any but such as have for some time before served in the Army. What was said of *Orans* being closely besieged by the *Moors*, is not confirmed; for some *Algerine* Men of War happening to Cruise before the place for two or three dayes, and the Governor having at the same time notice that *Bobba Hassan* was abroad with a considerable Army, gave occasion to their apprehensions of being besieged, but since we understand that the said Army never came near the Town, and that the Men of War have appeared there no more, insomuch that several *Spanish* Vessels have passed thither and back again without any disturbance; however great care hath been taken here to furnish that place with recruits of Men, and all sorts of Provisions; and on the 9th past, two Gallies sailed thither from *Malaga*, and on board them the Maistre de Camp General, *Don Hieronimo de Quinones*, who is to assist the Governor in case there be occasion. On the 10, the *Portugeze* Armada, consisting in six Men of War, and an Advice Yacht, appeared off of *Cadiz*, being designed for the relief of *Oran*, and the next morning three Frigats of *Biscay* joined them and sailed together towards *Oran*. The Letters we have from *Barbary* say, that the Emperor *Muly Ismael* had taken *Morocco*, which had been so long defended by his Nephew *Muly Hamet*, with whom he had made an Accord, the latter retiring into the Kingdom of *Taffilete*, where he is to lead a private life; and that *Ismael* for his punctual performance of Articles, had given him one of his Sons in Hostage. He caused the Heads of some of the principal Rebels which he found in *Morocco* to be cut off, and the Eyes of some others to be put out. The said Letters bring a Postscript to this effect, That they had fresh news from *Alcasar*, that *Muly Hamet* was again revolted, and at the head of a considerable Army, and that *Santta Cruz* had declared for him.

From the Camp before Stetin, *Aug.* 30. On Thursday next our great Battery will be finished. We have had very rainy weather for several dayes past, which has very much hindred us. This morning a Body of the Besieged appeared without their Works, but presently retired again, finding no opportunity of attempting any thing. In the mean time we understand that the Burghers continue most resolute to defend the place to the last extremity, and do duty as the Soldiers, which are not above 1500.

Copenhagen, Aug. 31. On Sunday last the *Danish* Cavalry, which it was said was marched towards *Gottenburg*, returned to *Landscroon*, having been no farther than *Christianstadt*, into which have been put great supplies of Provisions, Ammunition, *&c.* They have suffered very much in this march, and several Men as well as Horses are remaining behind. We are told that the King has given Orders for the providing forthwith several Men of War as well as other Vessels, on which his Majesty will embark his Troops with great quantities of Ammunitions, and that he will pass with them to *Gottenburg*. The *Suedes* had a design to have burnt the Bridge at *Christianstadt*, but it succeeded not.

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